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Cab driver arrested, charged with rape

Police arrested a cab driver Monday for the alleged knifepoint rape of a passenger in Williamsburg in May.

Gurmeet Singh, 40, a Queens resident, was arrested and charged with rape, according to the NYPD. Singh's arrest stems from a May incident, when a 26-year-old woman told cops she was raped after a cabbie picked her up after a night out in Williamsburg.

She requested a ride into Manhattan, but instead, the woman said, the driver allegedly pulled over, tied her hands together with a scarf and raped her before pushing her out of the cab. The cabbie also stole her phone and $20, cops said.

Police searched for the cabbie wanted in that rape, but were unable to find him until a woman in Harlem said she was raped by a cab driver in September.

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▶ Singh

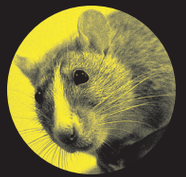
According to the New York Post, investigators were able to identify a few numbers of the cab's plate in that alleged rape to Singh's cab. While Singh has only been charged with the May alleged rape, he is a suspect in the September case. METRO/AB

In the news

Woman jumps off bridge

A woman survived a jump off the Williamsburg Bridge yesterday afternoon, after she landed on a car near Delancey Street. The woman was taken to a hospital, where she was in critical but stable condition last night, an NYPD spokesman said. He said they do not suspect criminality in the fall. METRO/AB

In the news



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The transit workers' union created RatFreeSubways.com, where straphangers can upload their best rodent photos and vote on the most vile. On Jan. 15, they will announce the winning shot and give the photographer a free MetroCard. METRO/EAE

Concern high after citywide outbreak of anti-Semitic crimes

▶ Nine reported hate crimes citywide in four months ▶ In most recent, swastikas tagged on Midtown storefronts Sunday ▶ NYPD says hate crimes down last year, but officials concerned about possible new spike

Swastikas painted on four Midtown businesses Sunday are only the latest incidents in a spate of anti-Semitic attacks throughout the city, Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer said yesterday.

Overall, the number of hate crimes was down 26 percent last year compared to 2010, according to the NYPD, with 246 hate crimes in 2011 compared to 332 in 2010.

But eight other alleged anti-Semitic events in four months have officials like Stringer worried.

"This appalling incident is not isolated," Stringer said of the swastikas. "Anti-Semitic crimes are spreading like cancer throughout the five boroughs."

The Anti-Defamation League's New York director Ron Meier told Metro he is concerned about what he called an "unusual level" of anti-Semitic incidents recently.

"If the end of year and beginning of year are any indication, we might expect to see those numbers unfold at a higher level than 2009, 2010," he said.

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▶ Sunday's hate graffiti in Midtown comes after cars, above, were tagged with "KKK" and torched in Brooklyn in November.

Incidents of hate

Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer lists nine reported anti-Semitic crimes in four months. These are some of the most serious attacks:

- Three Orthodox Jews, including a rabbi, were attacked in Midwood earlier this month.
- Anti-Semitic graffiti was painted on a windshield of a car in Marine Park, Brooklyn, on Nov. 27.
- A man was stabbed on a subway platform on Nov. 21 in Park Slope after two men cursed him with anti-Semitic slurs.
- In Midwood, Brooklyn, on Nov. 10, three cars were set on fire, and "KKK" was painted on the side of a van, alongside swastikas scrawled on benches, as well as other anti-Semitic graffiti. This happened on the 73rd anniversary of Kristallnacht.
- In November, an Avenue J subway sign in Brooklyn was changed to say "Avenue Jew."
- On Nov. 4, the word "Nazi" was spraypainted onto sidewalks in a heavily Jewish part of Williamsburg.

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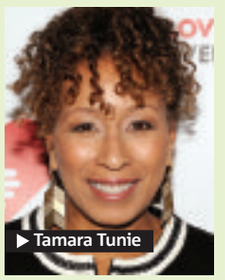

▶ Tamara Tunie

A real 'Law & Order' victim

NEW YORK. "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" actress Tamara Tunie's former business manager is heading to jail for stealing from her, according to the New York Post. Joseph Cilibrasi was sentenced to nearly eight years in prison Monday for stealing $1.4 million from Tunie, as well as from other clients. METRO/EAE

Tourist arrested for guns

MIDTOWN EAST. An Ohio tourist was arrested on Saturday for storing three loaded guns in his hotel room, according to the Manhattan district attorney's office. Fred Vankirk, 59, reportedly has a permit in his home state for the guns, but was arrested for possessing a loaded firearm outside of his home and place of business. METRO/EAE

Metro interview

EMILY ANNE EPSTEIN/METRO

▶ Before he was appointed to the job by Gov. Andrew Cuomo, Bronx native Joe Lhota served as deputy mayor of operations under Rudolph Giuliani and on the MTA board.

JOE LHOTA, MTA CHIEF PROUD OF NYC SUBWAY

◗ Metro sits down with new head of the MTA, talks rats and future fare increases ◗ Listen up: Fate of 8.5 million subway riders in his hands

Meet the new man responsible for keeping the trains running. Joe Lhota was confirmed as the chair of the MTA on Monday and yesterday, Metro sat down with him as he takes the helm of the nation's largest transit system.

What do you think will be your biggest challenge with this job?
Improving the reputation of the MTA.

Do you have any plans to ban food on subways and buses?
No, I'm not interested in banning food on the MTA, but I am interested in starting a campaign to make sure people don't leave food on the subway or on the tracks, to avoid rat infestations.

How likely is it that the 7 will be extended to New Jersey?
No one has formally made any presentations to me. I've read about it in newspapers, but the topic has never come up. I do know it would be a very complex project.

Do you agree with former MTA chair Jay Walder's statement that the MTA infrastructure is in terrible condition?
No, I do not. I think Jay's comment was taken out of context. He was asked to compare a new Hong Kong subway system with New York's century-old system. That kind of comparison is illogical and it's unfortunate that the statement was made.

"I'd like to be able to make people proud of the fact that we can take 8.5 million people to work, school and to dates on Saturday night."
JOE LHOTA

What are your thoughts on the looming 2013 fare hike?
I don't think we should wait four or five years for an increase and get a massive increase in one shot. Small, biannual increases are a rational strategy.

What service cuts do you think it is possible to restore and when?
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Casinos pitched as latest Coney Island attraction

Brooklyn borough president hops on to governor's bid to legalize Vegas-style casinos in New York But not all, including Bloomberg, want in on gambling

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Coney Island casinos would lure visitors for something other than the rides, say supporters.

Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz has put his cards on the table: He wants casinos on Coney Island.

In his State of the State speech last week, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said he wants to legalize table-game gambling in New York state, a suggestion that Markowitz is sweet on. Cuomo wants to pass a constitutional amendment to legalize gambling, which would bring in tax dollars and attract tourists to the state, said the governor.

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Markowitz thinks the gamble is a good one and wants to get Coney Island in on the action.

"If serious discussions begin on bringing a casino to New York City, certainly Coney Island is a natural location and should be part of the mix when considering possible sites," Markowitz said yesterday.

But roulette wheels and blackjack tables remain a distant dream. The constitutional amendment must be approved by Albany and then voters, a process that can take up to two or even three years.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg voiced his doubts that gambling is the right bet for New York's economic woes.

"I've never been all that gung-ho on gambling. I'm not sure it's the panacea, and I worry about it being regressive," said the mayor yesterday.

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Gambling addiction a concern

NEW YORK. Coney Island Councilman Domenic Recchia was enticed by the jobs a casino would potentially provide, but also worried about gambling addiction.

"It could bring in more jobs, but people could be hurt," Recchia said. "More people would have access to gambling, so more people would become addicted to gambling. We have to make sure there is funding for people to get help."

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Historic win for Mitt Romney in NH primary

Mitt strikes election gold with his second win of the primary season Paul takes second, Huntsman third

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▶ Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney has led a field of six GOP candidates.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney won the New Hampshire Republican U.S. presidential primary yesterday by a comfortable margin — his second straight victory in the race to become his party's choice to challenge Democratic President Barack Obama on Nov. 6.

Based on early returns with about 10 percent of the vote counted, U.S. television networks declared Romney the victor. With about 15 percent of the vote counted, the networks said Romney had won 36 percent of the vote with Congressman Ron Paul in second with 25 percent.

Double victory

Romney became the first Republican who is not an incumbent president to win the first two early voting states, after his slim eight-vote victory over former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum a week ago in the Iowa caucus.

The New Hampshire primary is the second contest in the state-by-state battle for the Republican presidential nomination to face Obama. Romney narrowly won the first contest, the Iowa caucuses, on Jan. 3.

The former investment firm chief scored the clear victory despite rivals' fierce 11th-hour attacks painting him as a heartless corporate raider who enjoys cutting jobs. Voters responded to Romney's claim that his private sector experience would help him galvanize the weak U.S. economy.

"I was looking for someone who is smart, knows our country, knows the financial system and how to get the country moving again with jobs," said Eddie Carr, a 77-year-old bus driver who voted for Romney. "I think he can get the country going." REUTERS

What about Paul?

Ron Paul, a congressman from Texas known for his strong libertarian views and outsider politics, beat out Jon Huntsman, a moderate former U.S. ambassador to China, for second place in New Hampshire, the small New England state known for its outsized role in presidential campaigns.

▶ Huntsman had about 17 percent of the vote.

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▶ **Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.**

Today, Evan Rachel Wood is uncovering secrets, Chloe Grace Moretz isn't impressed, Jamie Bell is having troubl, and Hugh Hefner is dealing with sick girlfriends.

▶ **@evanrachelwood:** Yes, sometimes celebrities don't wear make up. Shocking, I know. But we can get through this.

▶ **@ChloeGMoretz:** When u don't get a reply on ur text but u see him tweeting #Classy

▶ **@1jamiebell:** Dear tangled headphones in my pocket. You are making me look stupid. Now pull yourself together.

▶ **@hughhefner:** Shera was under the weather last week & this week it's Anna. Keeping my fingers crossed.

Moretz

Blue Ivy Carter: Her bling lifestyle

Let's spend our time together this morning checking in on America's version of a royal birth, shall we?

I speak, of course, about **Blue Ivy Carter**, who, according to a press release from her two very famous parents, had a very "emotional and extremely peaceful" birth. And, per the release, came into the world "naturally."

You hear that? Not only was the birth peaceful, it was "extremely" so, meaning that **Beyonce** does not vomit or poop herself while bringing life into this world. I doubt she even grimaced or cursed, she is that perfect.

Another perfect (and ridiculous) thing? This baby's bling lifestyle. Beyonce and **Jay-Z** reportedly spent $1.5 million on designer toys and nursery furnishings. "Jay-Z bought Beyonce a solid gold handmade Ginza Tanaka rocking horse for $600,000. They've even splashed out on a $30,000 magical windmill playhouse for the garden and a mini Bugatti car, too," a source tells Britain's Star magazine. "They've bought a wardrobe packed with thousands of dollars' worth of one-off designer baby clothes." Other items reportedly include a Swarovski crystal-encrusted highchair, a chic lucite crib and gold and diamond rattles from Tiffany & Co.

Since the source of this story is Star magazine, let's take this with a grain of salt. A high chair covered in crystals? That has to cause some major diaper rash.

▶ Blue Ivy is reportedly getting a Bugatti, but just in miniature.

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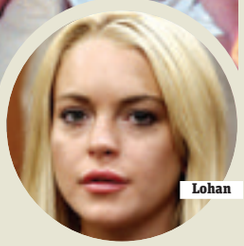
▶ Burton, left, and Taylor pause on set in 1972.

Lohan moves on to Lifetime



Lohan

If there is a place for **Lindsay Lohan** (besides rehab), it's the Lifetime network — she is the embodiment of an after-school special. Luckily, it looks like the disgraced starlet has figured that out. After false starts with shots at playing **Linda Lovelace** and **Victoria Gotti**, Lohan is trying the biopic route once again to get her career restarted by signing on to play **Elizabeth Taylor** in the Lifetime Original Movie "Elizabeth & Richard: A Love Story," according to Deadline. The film will focus on Taylor's relationship with **Richard Burton**.

Talking points

Perry won't do People's Choice

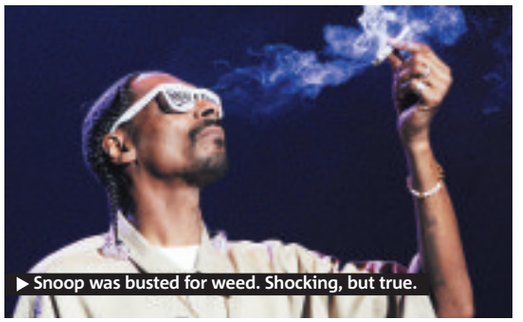
Katy Perry was set to take part in the People's Choice Awards Wednesday, her first public appearance since husband **Russell Brand** filed for divorce, but now she's skipping out on the show. "Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the People's Choice Awards," Perry posted to Twitter. "I want to thank you all for voting for me. Fingers crossed!"

Children actors for Pitt?

With two parents in the business, it wouldn't be surprising if one of **Brad Pitt** and **Angelina Jolie**'s six children decides to give acting a try, and Pitt says he's fine with that — with some conditions. "Whatever they want to do. Whatever makes them happy," Pitt tells Hollyscoop. "But not until they're 18."

Bieber gets paranoid

Justin Bieber is feeling the pressure of success. "Now that I'm on top, everyone wants to bring me down," Bieber tells V Magazine. "Everyone's trying to tug at me and take my spot." The best comparison Bieber can find for his current situation is Floyd Mayweather: "He's the best boxer in the world. Now he is a champion," he says. "Every time he goes to a fight now, people are like, 'He's going to lose this time.'"



▶ Snoop was busted for weed. Shocking, but true.

Oh, you don't say?

Snoop Dogg was arrested for marijuana possession in Texas when a police dog sniffed out some weed on his tour bus recently, according to TMZ. Law enforcement officials say the discovery came during a routine border patrol stop and that the rapper was issued a citation for misdemeanor possession and released. Snoop has a prescription for pot in California, but that might not mean much in Texas.

Curves and leather for Wednesday

1. Tim Gunn — along with JD Roth and Tiffanie Davis — made it work at the TCA press tour on Monday, where he was promoting his new show, "The Revolution."

2. Hello, little black dress. "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" star Rooney Mara attended the film's premiere in Rome on Monday.

3. Also at the Film Critics Circle awards: Viola Davis and her amazing one-shoulder dress.

4. Because everyone's day could use a little Marky Mark action: Mark Wahlberg visited the "Late Night With Jimmy Fallon" set on Monday.

5. Holy curves! Dolly Parton and Queen Latifah attended the premiere of their new film, "Joyful Noise," at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood on Monday night.

6. It's awards season, so get used to seeing these two: Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt attended the 2011 New York Film Critics Circle awards Monday night.

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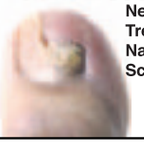

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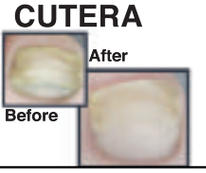

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Chelsea Handler, different point of

The comedian/talk-show host/author adds sitcom star to her résumé in 'Are You There, Chelsea?' New comedy is based on her boozy life, but is less angry

In "Are You There, Chelsea?" — the new sitcom based on Chelsea Handler's best-selling books — Laura Prepon plays Chelsea Handler and Chelsea Handler plays her sister Sloan. In real life, she isn't actually named Sloan — but that was changed, the comedian says, "for legal reasons, so that my own family can't sue me." Got that?

"I've been living this life for a long time, and I'm over myself. And it's a pleasure to play my sister, because everything I've been accusing her of my whole life, I can now re-enact before her eyes. She's thrilled, surprisingly," Handler said while promoting the sitcom at the Television Critics Association press tour in Pasadena, Calif., last week. "But, yeah. It's a lot more fun for me to play her than it would be to play myself. It's a lot more challenging anyway."

"Challenging" is a good word to describe the sitcom and its place on broadcast television — like most of Handler's material, the pilot is heavy on raunchy sex jokes and references to drinking. Drinking a lot. The title of the show, in fact, used to be "Are You There, Vodka?" "Well, some people like tequila, you know. Some people like beer. Not everybody likes vodka," Prepon joked about the title change.

"We don't want to discriminate," Handler added, then more seriously said, "We just thought 'Are You There, Chelsea?' is a really kind of play on 'Am I there? What am I thinking?'"

That's exactly what Chelsea asks herself in the pilot, which opens with the character getting a DUI and realizing she's got to make some changes in her life.

"You realize there are some consequences to things that you do," Prepon said. "[Chelsea] is ballsy and brash and not PC, and people are gonna love that about her, because I think that people relate to flawed characters. You know, nobody's perfect."

TCA diary

The Television Critics Association press tour, a meeting of journalists and networks to preview new and returning series, kicked off Friday. Follow Amber on Twitter at @amberatmetro and visit www.metro.us/tv for more TCA updates.

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▶ Chelsea Handler, left, and Laura Prepon spoke about their new sitcom, "Are You There, Chelsea?", at the TCA press tour. The show premieres tonight at 8:30 on NBC.

How real-to-life is "Chelsea"?

"I was probably angrier than she is in the show, which we thought wasn't palatable," Handler said of sitcom's Chelsea.

▶ "I went through my 20s in a way that not a lot of people do. I kind of barreled through them with no rhyme or reason or repercussions for anything. And so there's definitely an essence of that. She's not gonna be a caricature of me. We all wanted to give Laura license to make the character as great as she could, and she has."

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TV watch list

'One Tree Hill'

DRAMA. The Southern-set soap opera returns for its final season, now following the growing families of Brooke and Julian and Haley and Nathan. But don't worry — we'll find out what Lucas has been up to as well, when original cast member Chad Michael Murray returns for a final farewell later this season. **8 p.m., The CW**

'People's Choice Awards'

SPECIAL. "The Big Bang Theory" star Kaley Cuoco hosts this you-pick-it awards show, featuring a very "Harry Potter"-heavy list of nominees and, oh look — nods for Kaley Cuoco and "The Big Bang Theory," too. **9 p.m., CBS**

'Harry's Law'

COMEDY. There's literally an 800 lb. gorilla in the room when Harry helps a client who has been housing an ape. **9 p.m., NBC**

'Happy Endings'

COMEDY. Megan Mullally returns as Penny's mom, the new girlfriend of Dave's dad (guest star Michael McKean), much to the delight of Penny and horror of Dave. **9:31 p.m., ABC** ● AMBER RAY

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Jillian Michaels-approved workouts

Tired of regular runs on the treadmill? This superstar trainer is eyeing options for the new year Ladies: Head to the barre Guys: Get aggressive

ANDREW SOUTHAM

One workout Michaels thinks isn't going anywhere is spinning. "[It's] something that has been around for years and continues to just get more and more popular," she says.

NEW IN THE NEW YEAR

Fresh off a holiday trip to Paris, Jillian Michaels (formerly of "The Doctors" and "The Biggest Loser") spoke with us about the workouts that everyone will be going to and coming from in 2012.

Take this class

Who says working out can't be fun? This Sunday marks the beginning of a once-a-month swing series led by dance professional John Druzba at Frames Bowling Lounge. Come with or without a partner — each class is $10 and accepts walk-ins. After the half-hour lesson, show off your new moves at the open dance. Visit **www.dancecrazeanywayz.com** to learn more. METRO/ME

For men

Survival of the fittest

"I see men doing things like Warrior Dash. They're into the mud runs. Men are really into that stuff like jumping over the fire and crawling through the mud. Group fitness events are really gaining popularity. And of course, CrossFit ... is continuing to really hold on and gain new followers. It's very cultish, but people really seem to love it. I know that boys love it, and I know a lot of women who love it, but you gotta have a warrior mentality. It's a very aggressive style of exercise."

Correction

In Monday's Wellbeing article "What's in store for 2012," we incorrectly stated that Jennifer Lopez is a Libra. She is in fact a Leo. METRO

For women

Ballet-inspired workouts

"I'm hearing about all kinds of fusion classes like Spinning with Barre, Beyond the Barre, Barre Method. I really think that's starting to gain a lot of momentum. I think the promise is flexibility, that you will have a leaner look, that you'll be more functional. It's also a very feminine form of exercise in that it makes you more graceful, it improves your posture, and women want that. It's based on ballet which is the ultimate in very graceful, feminine beauty. We want to be badasses, but at the same time we still want that elegance."

About that other barre ...

"I think people are still big into pole fitness as well, which is a completely different concept — strip dancing to ballet dancing — but I think women are into that as well."

For everyone

Anything but run-of-the-mill

Punk Rope: "It's a class around jump-roping. I think it's really underground, but I believe that that's gonna emerge as something kind of fun and trendy for a little while. I don't know about the staying power, but I definitely think it's gonna make a splash."

Lessons in butt-kicking (beyond Tae Kwon Do): "I think a lot of people are getting into more obscure martial arts modalities like Krav Maga — or Capoeira, which is Brazilian jujitsu."

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More on Michaels

Her workouts: "I like bodyweight types of training like yoga or martial arts."

What she snacks on: "Popchips is a company that I discovered about three years ago and I fell madly in love with them. There's no trans fat, no artificial coloring, no artificial flavors, no MSG, nothing bad. It's a such a great solution for people that don't want to give up foods that taste good. This is America, you know what I mean? We want our cheeseburgers. We want options that taste great that aren't rabbit food. Popchips is a great solution."

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One week into 2012, you've likely stumbled on some of your resolutions. Here are some ideas for personal remodeling that are slow but sure ways to a healthier lifestyle:

Eating and drinking: Start a healthier diet and lose weight by moderating portion size. You don't have to clean your plate! Eat more fish, poultry, vegetables and whole grains while limiting red meats, bread, butter and desserts. Drink six to eight 12 oz. glasses of water daily, and snack on fresh fruit or nuts. If you lose one pound every two weeks, come 2013 you'll be more than 20 pounds lighter!

Sleep and stress: There is no such thing as catching up on sleep, so commit yourself to eight hours nightly. Your body needs sleep to restore itself both physically and mentally, and the stress of long-term fatigue will impair your ability to cope with the day-to-day challenges of work, school and relationships.

Exercise: Training for an event a few months off is a great way to inspire regular exercise and target your efforts towards achieving something tangible (a 10K race, a long-distance bike ride, etc.) rather than pursuing an abstract resolution like "I want to be in better shape."

Relationships: Look for "win-win" solutions to disagreements. Try resolving differences with family members in the same way you would with co-workers or your boss. Yelling, making verbal attacks, drawing a line in the sand or digging your heels in are not acceptable at work, nor should they be at home. Be a good listener — and when someone says something crazy, resist the temptation to flip that person off. Instead, say, "I'll consider that" and mull over a reasonable answer.

Health maintenance: Schedule a checkup with your primary care doctor. Try to schedule the first appointment of the day so you don't have to wait. High blood pressure, diabetes and high cholesterol all start sometime, and they are all leading causes of illness and disability if undetected over time.

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Roundup

Sports bras

You need support to help you tackle your New Year's resolutions: Get the literal kind with these sporty intimates. Visit www.metro.us to see more of our top picks.

▶ **1. Active by Old Navy:** This holds everything in place, and it's totally affordable.
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Military cuts? Not exactly ...

While the Obama administration's new Defense Guidance document has been portrayed as moving to significant cuts in the Pentagon budget, the president himself tells a starkly different story. He said: "Over the next 10 years, the growth in the defense budget will slow, but the fact of the matter is this — it will still grow." We will continue to spend $2.1 million every minute of every day on an unethical and unsustainable military policy. Nearly every other area of federal spending — investing in jobs, health care, housing and education has been cut, putting real security more at risk. Investment in people and communities, increased reliance on diplomacy, and supporting sustainable human security by meeting human needs at home and abroad is what will ultimately make our world more safe and stable.

MARLENA SANTOYO, VIA E-MAIL

Give us a break on Romney!

RE: "ROMNEY RIVALS' TIME RUNNING OUT": We are only at the start of these elections, and all you do is focus on one candidate and talk about predictions. How about we put away our crystal balls and do some actual reporting on the candidates. I'll decide who wins. You, as a citizen, will decide who wins. Mr./Mrs. Fortune teller, as good as they may be, has no place here. Please, just report on some candidates with some information about them.

COLLIN TUKAY, VIA E-MAIL

Blame the Democrats

RE: "WHO TO BLAME FOR OUR WOES?": Most of the liberals in this country have either a very convenient or non existent memory when it comes to "blame."
If you are referring to TARP or Fannie Mae and Freddy Mac as the cause of our financial woes let me remind you they were orchestrated under Democrat leadership. As for TARP, this became a slush fund for the Democrats who took over administering the funds from a lame duck President Bush only months away from his termination. TARP was orchestrated by a Democrat Federal Reserve Chariman and the then candidate Barack Hussein Obama was praised by the media for taking charge in White House meetings to push this agenda through to completion.

NICKY CAPOLUPO, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19**. Don't let too much time elapse before correcting a business arrangement that needs some readjustment. The calendar isn't your ally.
〰 Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Consistency is a must if you hope to achieve an important objective. If you do things in fits and starts, it might look impressive but could prove to be unproductive.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Make every effort to perform a distasteful assignment properly, the first time around. If you don't, you'll only drag it out by having to rework it over and over until you get it right.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** There may be a good reason why companions will resist using your methods or procedures to accomplish a joint endeavor. Before getting upset, find out why they are opposed.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** You shouldn't have any trouble achieving your goals, but you could have a problem going after something that you think you want but really don't.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Just because someone has a title, it doesn't automatically make him or her smarter than you. Don't be intimidated by rank or position.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Although everything might not be optimum or exactly as you'd like, things in general should go rather well for you. Be grateful for whatever you can accomplish or achieve.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** The only way you're going to get any concessions from others is to first show that you're prepared to make some compromises. It's a give-and-take world.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Unless duties and responsibilities are equally distributed among co-workers, friction could quickly arise. In a perfect world, each person would see how much she or he could do, not how little they can get away with.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** A friend won't appreciate it if you make light of his or her problems, because the matter is extremely serious to them. Treat it with sensitivity and concern.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Do what you can, and don't expect anything from yourself that you know you won't be able to deliver. If your hopes are unrealistic, you'll be asking for disappointment.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** You're not likely to have much luck trying to sell something that you don't believe in, because your apathy will show. Don't peddle a useless item.

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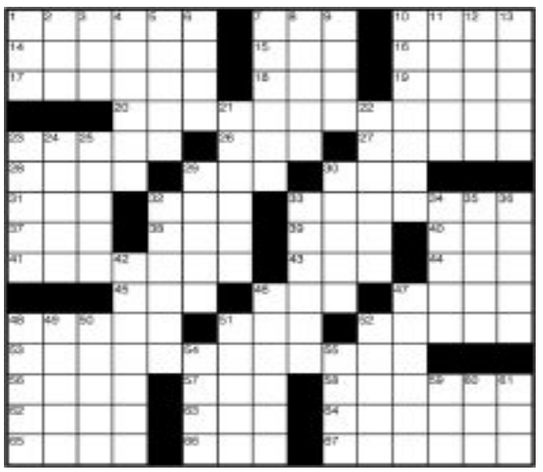

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Knicks find draft steal

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▶ Rookie Iman Shumpert is averaging 13.2 points, 3.6 assists and four rebounds per game.

▶ Shumpert steps into the starting lineup as rookie ▶ Contributes early

It may be too early to know if the Knicks have a shot at the title, but fans already think they got the steal of the draft.

Rookie Iman Shumpert has so quickly emerged as one of the premier first-year players that head coach Mike D'Antoni has decided to start him at point guard, even though Toney Douglas manned that spot since opening day. Shumpert made his second start against the Bobcats and D'Antoni said that should be the plan for the foreseeable future.

"He's starting to get a better feel for what we want and I do think as Shump progresses he'll get even better. We're really excited about what we've got," said D'Antoni. "His presence on the defensive end is huge. When you have a 6-foot-5, 220-pound ferocious and strong defender like that, with Tyson [Chandler] in the back, it really shores up a lot of stuff. He's been impressive on that end.

"Offensively, he keeps trying to be simple and make the right play, make shots. He's played really well. And this is the start of it. Hopefully, he stays grounded and keeps going forward, and if that happens he should make a big impact on every game."

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Shumpert steals vet's minutes

The ascension of Iman Shumpert means Toney Douglas is the odd man out. D'Antoni allowed that Douglas has been in a bit of a funk lately, including getting booed at last week's home loss to the Bobcats.

"Toney has been pressing some, so he just has to go out there and play," D'Antoni said.

As long as Douglas continues to press, it means Shumpert will continue to have an even bigger workload.

For his part, Shumpert remains humble and always defers to his older teammates. Shumpert tries to downplay the fact he took Douglas' job and said the two can certainly coexist.

"Obviously he's a different style of guard than I am, but it's good to have that because I can play the two [shooting guard], he can play the two or either one can play the one [point guard]," Shumpert said, adding that another veteran point guard has been instrumental so far in his development. "With Baron sitting out right now he sees a lot. He's been through it all. What he does is tell me what to look for so I won't make the mistake. He sees things I might not and it allows me to use my athleticism. ... I'm happy I've got him."

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In the news

Raiders fire Jackson

Are we sure Al Davis isn't still alive?

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He is projected as a top 10 pick and the second QB taken. METRO

WATCH OUT FOR PANCAKES

Opinion

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My favorite injuries usually occur in baseball, probably because that sport has significantly less athletic players than football and basketball.

But the early leader for the 2012 "Worst Injury of the Year" is Dustin Penner, a wing on the NHL's Los Angeles Kings. Penner is married to Jessica Welch, a low-level actress you probably have never heard of.

Die-hard hockey fans may know her as the ex-wife of another NHL player, Richard Zednik. They were married for three years before a contentious divorce in which he gave her $1 million in cash.

At any rate, Welch made Penner a nice pancake breakfast, and his back froze to the point that he couldn't stand up. He said, "I just leaned over to dip into some delicious pancakes that my wife made. ... It's just like [the pain] wraps around you and squeezes ... so it was disappointing. Hopefully it's just an isolated incident."

Torrie Wilson is the next blonde on A-Rod's dating tour.

A-Rod pins one more

What's Alex Rodriguez better at — choking in the postseason or finding muscular women to date? Rodriguez, who hasn't hit above .273 in the Yankees' last three playoff series, recently began dating former wrestler Torrie Wilson.

Yes, his girlfriend used to wrestle. I should be careful here, because I've seen the recent photos of Wilson in a bikini and she's got bigger biceps than I do. Wilson is ripped. Her abs look as if they were chiseled from granite. Wilson has posed for Playboy twice, but I wouldn't Google that if you're reading this at work.

*–**Jason Raj McIntyre** covers athletes off the field and runs the popular sports blog, TheBigLead.com.*

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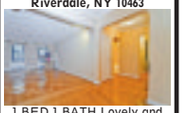
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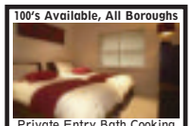
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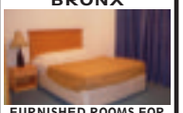
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To the American people,especially New York,
Holy Spirit is telling me that God is going to do something shocking. In my vision I see that this shocking thing will happen here in New York. Starting now 1-4-2011 until the end of the year. My suggestion is to everyone who knows Jesus call to him (intense days are 1-4-2011 through 1-14-2011. http//:jesusremnantendtimeprophecy2010.yolasite.com witnessmissy003@aol.com

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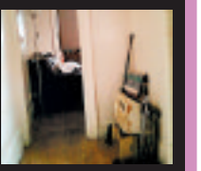
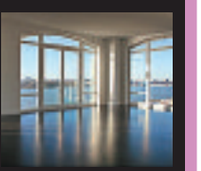
Market watch



CHEAPEST
$125K
8 W. 119th St.
The cheapest option to hit the market this week is a one-bed co-op at 8 W. 119th St. This pet-friendly property, which needs some TLC but offers easy access to Marcus Garvey Park, is listed by H & F Property Group for $125,000.



PRICIEST
$38.5M
400 West 12th St.
The most expensive property is the entire 14th floor of the Superior Ink. This eight-bedroom unit boasts three condos encompassing 7,687 square feet and has Hudson River views.

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StreetEasy.com *is a New York-based real estate information portal that aggregates the most comprehensive set of sale and rental listings along with other useful info.*

BARCLAY TOWER

Barclay Tower, located at 10 Barclay Street, is opening its waiting list and accepting applications for 1 moderate-income rental apartment. The size, rent, and income requirements of the apartment are as follows:

# APTS AVAILABLE	FAMILY SIZE*	APARTMENT TYPE*	MONTHLY RENT**	TOTAL GROSS ANNUAL INCOME RANGE*** MINIMUM-MAXIMUM
1	1 2	1 BED 1 BED	$2,334 $2,334	$73,705 - $87,150 $73,705 - $99,600

*SUBJECT TO OCCUPANCY CRITERIA INCLUDES GAS FOR COOKING ** RENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
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APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO MEET INCOME AND ADDITIONAL CRITERIA.

To request an application, mail a **POSTCARD** to:
Barclay Street Realty LLC,
P.O. Box 3628, New York, NY 10163
Requests must be postmarked by **February 10, 2012.**

Complete applications must be postmarked by March 9, 2012.
Applications not sent via regular mail or postmarked after March 9, 2012 will be logged in after all other applications.
Applications will be selected by lottery.
Priority will be given to applicants who live or work in New York City.

No broker's or application fee should be paid to anyone regarding these applications.
Only the first 3,000 requests for an application will be honored.

2012 NYC real

The Real Deal asked experts for their thoughts on what to expect this year ◗ Higher rents, foreign buyers and low interest rates are on the horizon

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Adrienne Albert, CEO at the Marketing Directors
Rentals will stabilize if not continue to climb in value. New rentals are averaging over $80 per square foot and we believe that figure will be eclipsed in 2012. Because there are only six months of standing inventory in for-sale product, condominium prices will substantially escalate. Our for-sale market will continue to be fueled by the local New Yorker and supplemented by the foreign buyer throughout 2012. End loans will be more attainable also, helping to fuel the demand side of the market. We believe the average per square foot in Manhattan will exceed $1,800 [for new condos] in 2012.

Andrew Heiberger, founder and CEO at Town
On the Manhattan sales front, I believe that prices and price-per-foot in all parts of Tribeca, the far West Village, Noho and west of Park Avenue on the Upper East Side will rise the most due to a lack of supply. The same is true for townhouses and other single-family residences, where quality supply is also limited. Overall, I believe 2012 will see more sales transactions and slightly higher prices in Manhattan, with the market buoyed in part by interest rates remaining at historic lows during this upcoming election year. [In terms of the] new development sales market, I believe Gary Barnett's One57 will be a grand slam and the success story of 2012. On the Manhattan rental front, the vacancy rate will remain low and rents are sure to rise starting around the second quarter. If I were renewing a lease right now I would try to extend for two years if given the choice, because once employment numbers pick up, rents will jump even further to record highs.

Quoted

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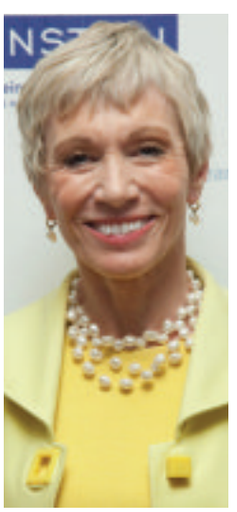

Barbara Corcoran, founder of the Corcoran Group
This will be the year buyers get tired of waiting. And that alone will turn this whole market around. Get ready to rock and roll!

Low-Income Apartments Now Available

Aurea Development LLC is accepting applications for its affordable housing rental apartments and for its waiting list of affordable apartments at **582-588 Union Avenue and 575 Southern Boulevard** in the **Mott Haven** section of **the Bronx.** The size, rent and targeted income distribution for these apartments are as follows:

Apartment Size	Household Size*	Monthly Rent	Total Annual** Income Range Minimum - Maximum
1 Bedroom	1 2	$808 $808	$30,274 - $34,860 $30,274 - $39,840
1 Bedroom	1 2	$793 $793	$29,760 - $34,860 $29,760 - $39,840
2 Bedroom	2 3 4	$964 $964 $964	$35,726 - $39,840 $35,726 - $44,820 $35,726 - $49,800
2 Bedroom	2 3 4	$979 $979 $979	$36,240 - $39,840 $36,240 - $44,820 $36,240 - $49,800
3 Bedroom	3 4 5 6	$1110 $1110 $1110 $1110	$41,280 - $44,220 $41,280 - $49,080 $41,280 - $53,040 $41,280 - $57,780
3 Bedroom	3 4 5 6	$1127 $1127 $1127 $1127	$41,862 - $44,220 $41,862 - $49,080 $41,862 - $53,040 $41,862 - $57,780

*Subject to occupancy criteria
**Income guidelines subject to change

Applications may be requested by **mail, in person, via internet or by telephone**.

If you are requesting an application by mail, please write to: Lemle & Wolff, Inc. 5925 Broadway, Bronx, NY 10463.

If you are requesting an application in person, please visit the office at the address listed above.

If you are requesting an application via internet, please visit www.lemlewolff.com.

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Donald Trump, president of the Trump Organization
Residential real estate will remain similar with a slight uptick, but the really good real estate will have excess value.

Mitchell Rutter, president of Essex Capital Partners
In 2012 we are very optimistic about the continued growth of the rental market in Brooklyn and Queens, not withstanding anticipated layoffs in the finance and banking sectors. In Manhattan, the price-per-foot being paid for new rental projects leads us to question whether the projected rents necessary to justify these projects can be met in the short term. But over the long term, beyond 2012, the growing rarity of development sites means these projects too will be sustained.

Elizabeth Stribling, president of Stribling & Associates
I am cautiously optimistic because demand is high, financing is easier and mortgage rates are low. High [rental prices may] prompt more people to buy, and foreigners [will] continue to favor the safe haven of the U.S.

and the prime location of New York City.

Stuart Saft, chairman of Dewey & LeBoeuf's global real estate department
Rents will continue to rise at a rate significantly greater than [the consumer price index], resulting in co-op and condo prices increasing by at least 10 percent. Interest rates on residential real estate, including multifamily, will continue at the present historically low rates through the end of the 2012 (i.e., after the presidential election) but will begin to rise after 2012, and the availability of mortgage financing will increase due to comfort with the New York City market for housing. Finally, the euro will continue to be in trouble, causing a flight to safety to the U.S. and particularly New York City, so New York City properties will trade at even lower cap rates.

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NYC asking rents increase

Asking rents in New York City continued to rise in the fourth quarter, countering the typical seasonal decreases that other major cities like Boston and Chicago experienced, according to a report released yesterday by online rental firm RentJuice.

Taking into account various apartment sizes, New York City rents increased 1 percent over the third quarter to $3,299. By comparison, rents decreased 1 percent to $1,961 and 4 percent to $1,366 in Boston and Chicago, respectively.

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